

THE HONORABLE WARREN R. KING
SENIOR JUDGE
D. C. COURT OF APPEALS

Judge King was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the D.C. Superior Court in July 1981. He served on that court until September 1991 when he was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals. He retired in 1998 and is currently a Senior Judge of that court.

Judge King was born in Takoma Park, Maryland, in 1937, and he lived in the District until he was ten. He attended elementary school in the District and secondary school in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He received a B.A.E. (Aeronautical Engineering) degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1960, a J.D. degree from American University Law School in 1967, and a master of law degree from Yale Law School in 1969. He was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia in 1968, and the Bar of Maryland in 1998.

He served in the United States Navy from 1960 - 1963, assigned to Destroyers in the Atlantic Fleet. In 1967 and 1968 he was on active duty with the Naval Investigative Service in DaNang, Republic of Viet Nam.

Judge King returned to the District in 1969, where he has since resided. He joined the United States Attorney's Office that year, serving first in the Appellate Division and then the Court of General Sessions Division. With court reorganization in February 1971, he was assigned as a trial attorney in the felony trial section in the Superior Court Division of the United States Attorney's Office. In February 1972, he became Chief of the Grand Jury/Intake Section and from November 1973 until May 1975, he was Deputy Chief of the Superior Court Division. For approximately one year of that period he served as Acting Chief of the Division while the Chief of the Division was engaged in the prosecution of a major criminal case.

He left the United States Attorney's Office in May 1975, to accept a position as a member of the faculty at the Antioch School of Law. While at Antioch he directed an Appellate Clinic and served as the head of the Criminal Division Clinic. During that period, he also maintained an active caseload in the Juvenile Branch and the Civil Branch of the Superior Court. Judge King also taught courses in criminal procedure, criminal and juvenile justice planning, trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and legal method.

In 1977, he joined the Office for Improvements in the Administration of Justice at the Department of Justice. While in that office, he took part in various research and legislative projects dealing with civil discovery abuse, court annexed arbitration, federal court jurisdiction, the award of attorney fees in civil litigation, and the effectiveness of the Speedy Trial Act. He co-authored an article relating to civil discovery with Professor Maurice Rosenberg that was published in the Brigham Young University Law Review in 1981. A proposal set forth in the article was substantially adopted in the 1983 amendments to Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He also served as a staff member for both the National Commission of the Review of Antitrust Laws and Procedures in 1979 and the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime in 1981.

Judge King has been a member of the Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia since 1978. He served as a member of a Hearing Committee of the District of Columbia Board of Professional Responsibility from 1978 to 1981.

Judge King is married to Joyce Hanahan Deroy of Avalon, Pennsylvania, and is the father of four children, Anne born in 1979 and triplets Daniel, Terin, and Jennifer born in 1981.